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This reply is being submitted in response to the Office Action issued on May 18, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the May 18, 2004 Office Action was due August 18, 2004. Applicants herewith petition for a two month extension of time in which to respond to the May 18, 2004 Office Action. The fee for a two month extension of time for a small entity is \$215.00, and a check including this amount is enclosed. With a two month extension of time, a reply is due October 18, 2004. Accordingly, this reply is being timely filed.